

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 2, 14, and 16 stand rejected for certain informalities. Applicants have amended Claims 2, 14, and 16 according to the Examiner's suggestions. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 6, 11, 12, 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Applicants have cancelled Claims 6 and 20.

Applicants submit that Claims 11, 12 and 19 have been amended to overcome this rejection, thereby addressing the Examiner's concerns. Applicant now believes that all pending claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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